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1. A PROGRAM FEATURING TWO OF ROMANIA'S LEADING POETS AND AN AMERICAN FULBRIGHT PROFESSOR ATTRACTED AN ENTHUSIASTIC CAPACITY AUDIENCE OF STUDENTS AND LITERARY FIGURES ON JANUARY 21. THE ROMANIAN POETS, ANA BLANDIANA AND CEZAR BALTAG, BOTH FORMER PARTICIPANTS IOWA WRITERS WORKSHOP, READ POEMS WRITTEN IN IOWA OR INSPIRED BY U.S. VISIT. PROFESSOR KEITH WILSON, CURRENTLY FULBRIGHT PROFESSOR AT UNIVERSITY OF CLUJ, READ POEMS WRITTEN SINCE ARRIVAL IN ROMANIA.

2. THE AUDIENCE OF OVER 90, INCLUDING USIA DEPUTY DIRECTOR AND MRS. EUGENE KOPP, IEE DEPUTY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR GIFF MALONE AND AMBASSADOR AND MRS. HARRY G. BARNES, JR., WERE TREATED TO AN HOUR OF REFLECTIVE, SENTIMENTAL AND POWERFUL OBSERVATIONS. ESPECIALLY INTERESTING WERE DIFFERENT TREATMENTS BY ROMANIANS OF IMPRESSIONS OF THE GRAND CANYON.

THE PROGRAM FOLLOWED BY A SUCCESSFUL DINNER PARTY HOSTED BY THE CAO ALLOWED POST TO STRENGTHEN CLOSE CONTACTS WITH MS. BLANDIANA, MR. BALTAG, OTHER IOWA WORKSHOP GRADUATES AND LITERARY FIGURES. PART OF AN AGENCY FILM SHOWN ON THE WORKSHOP, A SEGMENT FEATURING MS. BLANDIANA, WAS SO MOVING THAT ALL GUESTS APPLAUDED.

4. THE POST FEELS THAT TWO IMPORTANT AUDIENCES- LITERARY FIGURES AND STUDENTS - WERE EFFECTIVELY REACHED THROUGH THIS
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UNIQUE PROGRAM AND PLANS SIMILAR ONES INVOLVING ROMANIAN FIGURES

GIVING THEIR PROFESSIONAL PERSPECTIVES OF THE UNITED STATES.
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